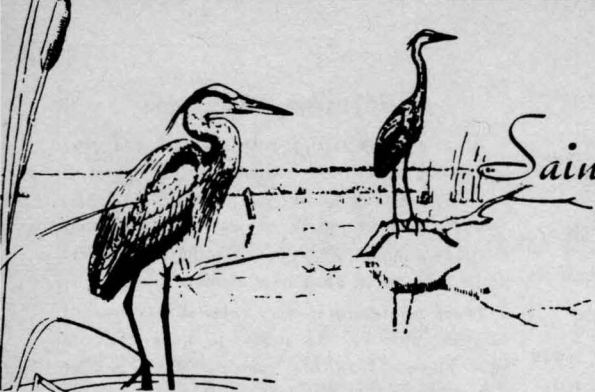




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FOREST PARK BIRD WALKS

Our much-looked-forward-to Sunday morning walks will be held on April 18 and 25; May 2 and 9. Place: Jefferson Memorial, Forest Park. Starting time: 7:30 a. m. Expert leaders will be on hand as guides. Invite your friends. Just show up at the scheduled time. If you can, bring along opera or field glasses, or binoculars.

AUDUBON WILDLIFE TOURS

Audubon Wildlife Tours, conducted by the National Audubon Society, are announced for the first time in the St. Louis area, this spring. Personally conducted tours by station wagon — to study bird life, plant life, and other natural features in the St. Charles and Pere Marquette regions, where the three great rivers meet. Leader and field instructor will be Rev. George M. Link, of Michael, Illinois. Charge for the two-day tour, not including meals and lodging, is \$10.00. Groups will meet on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a. m. at the Academy of Science and return to the city early Sunday evening. Dates are the weekends of April 10, 17, 24, May 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 5. Reservations must be mailed in advance to S. B. Heckler, 1207 North 7th St., St. Louis 6, Missouri.

CALIFORNIA COAST WILDLIFE

Two events will feature the meeting on Monday evening, April 26. At that time the Audubon Awards will be presented. The exact number and extent of these awards, which are paid for out of Loyalty Night funds, has not yet been announced. Those who were present last year when the awards were made will remember how gratifying an experience it was.

Program feature will be the April Screen Tour, "Bits of Land Along the Coast", a natural color motion picture program by Telford H. Work of Santa Monica, California. High adventure... trips of exploration to oceanic islands, rugged homes of seldom-visited wildlife species... picturesque seabirds in almost inaccessible places... Some of this exciting film-taking had to be done from an airplane! Don't miss these thrilling and unusual bird-watching experiences.

Third Baptist Church
Grand at Washington
April 26, 8:15 P. M.



TELFORD H. WORK

TELL YOUR FRIENDS
ABOUT OUR
MEMBERSHIP
CAMPAIGN!
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LOCAL PROGRAM

APR. 5, MON.

"Fuentes, the Bird Artist"

City Art Museum, Forest Park

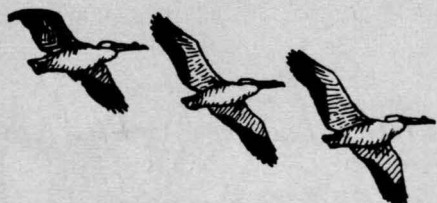
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MAY 17, MON.

ANNUAL MEETING, 7:45 P. M.

"A Naturalist Afield," 8:15 P. M.

Educ'l Bldg., Third Baptist Church



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JUNIOR AUDUBON CLUBS

Audubon members who are teachers, leaders of girl scouts, boy scouts, cub scouts, campfire groups, or youth leaders of any kind, will be interested in forming Junior Audubon Clubs, if they have not already done so. These Clubs, which are educational in purpose, recently received the written endorsement of Superintendent of Schools Philip J. Hickey.

Each Junior Club must have a minimum of ten members. Dues are only 15c per person, for which each member receives the following: a membership button; six bird leaflets, interestingly written; six color plates of birds ($5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$); six outline bird drawings, to color. In addition the Club receives a paper, "News on the Wing", published quarterly; and the Club adviser receives an Audubon Teachers' Guide, a useful illustrated book full of information and suggestions for programs, activities, projects, etc.

For enrollment blank, send a postcard to our Executive Secretary. For further information, write Dorothy Treat, National Audubon Society, 1000 Fifth Ave., New York City 28.

AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS

April 26, Mon. 8:15 P. M.

"Bits of Land Along the Coast"

Telford H. Work of Santa Monica, Calif.

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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

A spring membership campaign! And a most interesting one... A handsome bird print, 10 x 12" unmounted, will go to each Audubon member who brings in a new member during this campaign. AND one of these beautiful prints will go to each new member also.

These prints are so very colorful and beautiful that you will be proud to have them in your home. They are contributed by one of our members, to help along this membership drive.

Also—Screen Tour and Active memberships taken out now extend until September 1949, including the balance of this year as well as all of next season.

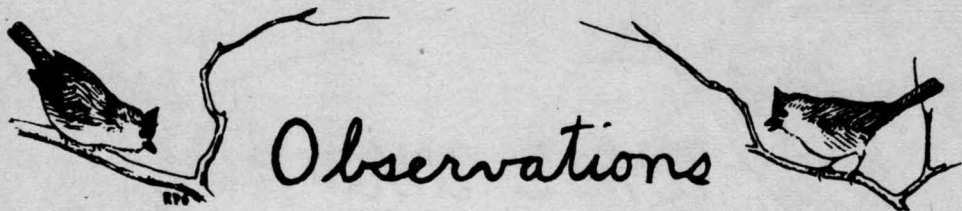
You yourself doubtless have at least one or two friends who would very much enjoy our many activities and programs. When their dues are sent in be sure that your name is included as "recommender".

AN INTERESTING SEASON

Both the Screen Tour and Local Program series have been well attended and much enjoyed, this year. The December Screen Tour was "North with the Birds" by George M. Sutton, distinguished ornithologist and explorer. Dr. Sutton stressed the need for conservation in the sub-arctic breeding grounds, a tremendous reservoir of wildlife. In January Karl Maslowski of Cincinnati showed "Under Buckeye Skies". This program covered insect, mammal and bird species in dramatic film sequences. In February Alfred M. Bailey of Colorado took us "Traveling Along the Labrador", with the MacMillan expedition. "Athabaska Sojourn", by Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., the Screen Tour for March, was an account of his adventurous quest for almost vanished species.

The January Local Program was "Member's Night"—by our own talented members. Jack Van Benthuyssen spoke of "birding places" around St. Louis since the days one went "way out to the woods on Grand Avenue". Mrs. J. Marshall Magner gave an informative talk on "Attracting Birds through Plantings", illustrated with color slides. John C. McGuire, our local Bert Harwell spoke on "Birds and their Music". R. Ludlow Hill, nest expert, discussed "The Housing Situation Among Birds". Miss Freda Lauer gave two educational readings, one on Audubon, one on Penguins. Particularly delightful was a kodachrome travelogue of Alaska by G. Alex Hope, which made one want to go there.

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BIRDS OF THE YEAR: 1947 brought so many rare and unusual "bird finds" that your editor decided to play it safe by naming not the "bird of the year" but the "10 birds of the year". Well, he tried, and ended up with 11 — all of them so unusual for this area that it seemed impossible to omit even one. And there were several others which were almost equally deserving of being included. All of these were listed by competent and experienced observers: Whistling Swan, Western Grebe, European Widgeon, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Northern Phalarope, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Nelson's Sparrow, Snow Bunting, White-winged Scoter, White-rumped Sandpiper, Hutchins' Goose.

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Jack Van Benthuyzen's discovery of a saw-whet owl in Webster Groves gave others a chance to see this species, which is seldom seen by the average birder in our area.

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A pileated woodpecker, our "giant" woodpecker, is not too frequently seen, even by experienced birders. Yet one showed up in Forest Park, in January, reported by Hattie Ettinger. It was again reported by another group, several weeks later.

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Large flocks of Lapland Longspurs, running into several hundred in size, were observed in St. Charles County during January and February.

Cooperating in the Christmas Bird Census for 1947 were: St. Louis Audubon Society, Webster Groves Nature Study Society, Cahokia Nature League, as well as groups under the leadership of the O. C. K. Hutchinsons and Father Link, in Calhoun County, Ill., and a group at Rockwoods, under Brother Hubert Lewis. Sterling P. Jones and Marshall Magner were co-chairmen of the census. Among the good birds of the day were tree swallows and baldpate, in St. Charles County; double-crested cormorants, long-eared owl, in Calhoun County, Ill., brown thrasher at Glencoe; white-winged scoter; American merganser; and prairie marsh wren.

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On March 20, Helen Einspanier and Ethel Wolfe had the good fortune to see a male white-winged scoter and male and female red-breasted mergansers at Harbor Point Village, St. Charles.

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Total number of species observed in the Saint Louis region during 1947 was 261.

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SPRING CENSUS — SUNDAY MAY 2

All day census coverage of the St. Louis region, at the peak of spring migration. Census will be in conjunction with Forest Park Bird Walk scheduled for that day. Meet at Jefferson Memorial, 7:30 a. m.

NEW AUDUBON NATURE CAMPS — CALIFORNIA AND TEXAS

The California Nature Camp is in Sugar Bowl Valley, high in the Sierras. The Texas Camp will be in the cool "Hill Country" of western Texas. Anyone interested should write at once to the National Audubon Society, 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York City or to our Executive Secretary for descriptive folder.

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In February Elizabeth Golterman and Marvin Beckmann, of the Division of Audio-Visual Education, were hosts to Audubon Members on an "Indoor Field Trip", via natural science materials used in St. Louis Public Schools. Many members browsed through the L. R. Ernst bird book collection, made available there through the courtesy of Miss Lucy Elliott. In March a

large turnout defied the rain to go "Behind the Scenes at the Zoo Bird House", chairmanned by Hattie Ettinger. We are grateful to her and also Club member George P. Vierheller for making possible this unusual opportunity.

All these various meetings have been educational... and they have been fun, too!



Who's Who?



BIRDERS OF 1947: Congratulations to Kurt West-
selling, Jr. for breaking all records, with a list
of 246 species observed in the St. Louis region.
Earl Comfort, who held first place for the pre-
vious year, was a close second, with 240. And
Jack Van Benthuyzen, third with 235. It cer-
tainly took a "heap of birding!" by these active
fellows. Which reminds us that they ARE all
fellows! Though many of their runners-up were
members of the "weaker sex" . . . Rumor has it
now that some of the women have given up
cooking for their families, and others insist that
their employers let them off ANY time an un-
usual bird is reported. The girls refuse to be
left behind for 1948 . . .

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A spring series of radio programs will be
sponsored by the St. Louis Audubon Society
under the chairmanship of Mrs. Inez Schick.
Programs will be over KFZO, 5:15 p. m. on
Wednesdays beginning April 7. Several Gar-
den Clubs are cooperating in this timely edu-
cational project. Assisting Mrs. Schick will be:
Mrs. Ernestine Wagner, Leonard Hall, Richard
P. Grossenheider, J. Marshall Wagner, Rev.
George M. Link, Ellen Cone, Prof. Rudolf Ben-
nitt of the Univ. of Mo., Mrs. V. T. Gilliam,
Bill Kelley and several others.

BIRD PAINTINGS AT CITY ART MUSEUM

During April the City Art Museum will
have on display 80 original bird portraits
by Louis Agassiz Fuertes, one of the
greatest bird artists of all time. These
originals are from the collection of the
National Audubon Society. The exhibi-
tion is sponsored by St. Louis Audubon
Society. If by chance you miss the April
5 talk by Wayne Short at the Art Mu-
seum, don't fail to see these handsome
bird paintings while they are here.

The Audubon booth at the Flower Show was
again a high-light in our Club's "public rela-
tions". Many contacts were made with peo-
ple interested in our work and activities. As
always Mr. McGuire's whistling was a real
"hit" with everyone. We are grateful to the
three chairmen, Mrs. George Klinkerfuss, Mrs.
Percy Coleman, John C. McGuire; and also to
the committee members, whose wonderful co-
operation and assistance made it all such a
success: Mrs. Gene Messing, Mrs. George Van,
Mr. and Mrs. G. Alex Hope, Mrs. D. L. Lacy,
Amy Childs, Anne Bayha, Ethel Wolfe, Grace
Rinderknecht, Lillie Deneeffe, Lily Vandervoort,
Margaret Jones, Wm. Bremser, Sr., Mrs. J. C.
Morgan, Mrs. Inez Schick, Mrs. Roy Battenberg,
J. Marshall Wagner, Helen Einspanier, Helen
Grogan, Mrs. J. G. Princell. A special feature
was AUDUBON DAY, under the supervision of
Mrs. Klinkerfuss. Mr. and Mrs. Mauntel of
Washington, Mo. gave a "Chalk-talk" on fami-
liar birds; and Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of
Sullivan, Mo. gave a program on birds of Miss-
ouri, illustrated with color slides.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Erle Jackson! The
1947 Conservation Achievement Award was pre-
sented to her by the National Council of State
Garden Clubs. To her goes much credit for the
successful "Bluebird Trail", now a nation-wide
project. Mrs. Jackson's work in the field of
conservation is indeed outstanding.

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